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2. The provision does not conform to the spirit and intentions of the FSC P&C. It allows management activities that may be common practice in the region, but which will not lead to forest sustainability.
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